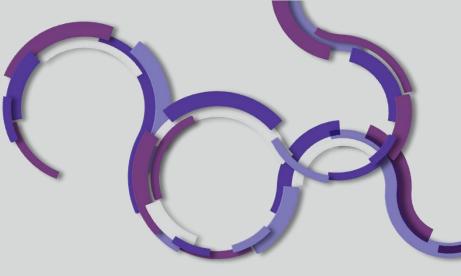


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## Normalized Natural Gas Use per Commercial Gas Consumers

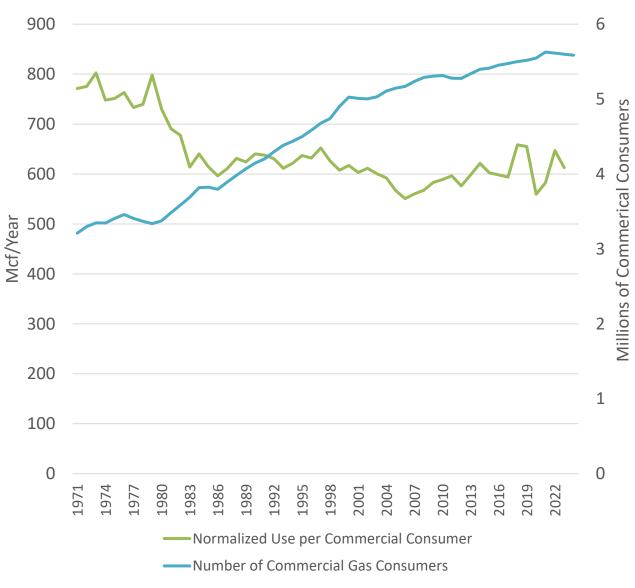


- Normalized natural gas use per commercial gas consumer fell 21 percent between 1971 and 2023, or 0.46 percent per year for 51 years.
- In 2023, 5.62 million commercial consumers or businesses relied on natural gas. The total number of commercial consumers using natural gas has grown by 1% per year since 1971.
- Normalized natural gas use per commercial consumer was 613 Mcf in 2023. This is down from the peak of 803 Mcf in 1973.
- Commercial businesses saw a lot of volatility in normalized gas use between 2018 and 2022. This activity is likely the result of increased economic activity or lack thereof during 2020-2021.

### Supplemental Materials from AGA's Normalized Use per Consumer Model

#### **Methodology**

- Non-weather-dependent appliance volumes are assumed to match the average consumption during July and August, with the excess consumption in other months assumed to be weather-sensitive.
- Weather-sensitive heating demand is normalized by multiplying load by the ratio of 30year normal heating degree days over actual annual calendar heating degree days.



Normalized Use Per Commercial Gas Consumer

Source: Based on data from Energy Information Administration and NOAA Utility Weighted Heating Degree Data. AGA Contact: Brendan O'Brien (bobrien@aga.org) 202-824-7220.

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